## May 17, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Mayor John Ball. Roll Call was taken and the following members were present: Roy Brommer, Bob Cook, Edward Koziol, Cheryl Fain, Marlene Hocevar and Mark Reighard. Also present were Village Administrator Kevin Grippi and Clerk-Treasurer Leeann Moses.

Gary Hunter, Executive Director of the US RT 6 Tourist Association, gave a presentation on the history of RT 6, AKA the Roosevelt Highway and the Grand Army of the Republic Highway. It was once the longest transcontinental highway, but California changed the course of the route and it is now the second longest transcontinental highway. Mr. Hunter is trying to increase awareness and tourism of this road which borders our community and asked if the Village would be interested in becoming a member.

MINUTES TO THE PREVIOUS MEETING: A motion was made by Cheryl Fain, seconded by Mark Reighard, to approve the minutes of the April 14, 2016, April 19, 2016 and May 10, 2016, meetings. The motion passed with all in favor.

TREASURER'S REPORT: A motion was made by Roy Brommer, seconded by Cheryl Fain, to accept the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion passed with all in favor.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: *Doris Karger* stated that she is very concerned about open burning within our Village and that also noted willow tree saplings growing in the ditch on Dorset drive. *Ed Baitt* felt that the Village did an excellent job sponsoring the recent EXPO and thanked Administrator Grippi.

MAYOR'S REPORT: Mayor Ball noted that in observance of National Police Week our Village Hall Flag will be flown at half-staff this week. Now that summer is around the corner the Mayor reminded the residents that Safety should be first in all that we do. Safety should be observed while doing lawn work, grilling outside, children playing, walking, jogging and cycling, boating and remember to wear sunscreen, bug spray, hat and sunglasses while enjoying our beautiful weather.

ROME ROCK ASSOCIATION LIASON REPORT: John Lindeman added that when we all work together we can make things happen as we did at the annual Spring Clean Up and on the upcoming  $50^{\text{th}}$  Anniversary and triathlon

VILLAGE ADMINSTRATOR'S REPORT: Administrator Kevin Grippi provided a written report highlighting projects underway, pending and planned for the future. Thanks goes to Mike Hamper of Perma Gro who help immensely at the Spring Clean Up by providing donuts, flowers and five strong men to help unload everyone's "treasures".

POLICE CHIEF'S REPORT: Acting Chief Bennett provided a written report of the miles travelled, gasoline consumption and complaints handled by the department for the month of April.

COMMITTEE REPORTS: Planning/Zoning, Finance, Lake Dam/Stormwater, Utility, Roads, Community Development, and Records – all had nothing to report. Safety – Ed Koziol added that the committee has been busy reviewing the Chief applications. SCAD responded by 452 calls last month with 5 within our Village limits.

OLD BUSINESS: A motion was made by Roy Brommer, seconded by Bob Cook to take the *Amending of Council Rules* of the table. Those voting in favor were Bob Cook, Roy Brommer and Cheryl Fain, opposed were Ed Koziol, Marlene Hocevar and Mark Reighard. The motion failed. Discussion followed. Roy added that he was incorrect, there had been no changes made to the original Rules of Council ordinance from 1980 except the time which Council meets. (2) *Rates of Pay for Mayor and Council* - Cheryl Fain distributed a worksheet showing the rates of pay for elected officials in neighboring communities at the last meeting. Bob Cook noted with the proposed increase the Mayor would receive an increase of 625%, the President Pro Tem would be an increase of 343.7% and members of Council would receive an increase of 416.6%.

The Village did not give any of their employees any raises this year let alone a cost of living and that this is simply wrong. Increasing the salary will not get more qualified public officials. Roy Brommer asked if the other officials are paid a salary or a stipend and added that he feels it is ridiculous to increase the pay for our elected officials.

NEW BUSINESS: There were none.

ORDINANCE 635-04-16: Requiring Annual Testing of Backflow Preventers on all Commercial Properties (2<sup>rd</sup>). Bob Cook made a motion, seconded by Roy Brommer, to table Ordinance 635-04-16. The motion passed with all in favor.

ANY OTHER COUNCIL BUSINESS: There were none at this time.

BILLS FOR APPROVAL OF PAYMENT: A motion was made by Roy Brommer, seconded by Ed Koziol, to approve payment of the following bills: Acquire Fire Protection - \$580.41, Gazette Printing - \$20.30, Kyle Smith - \$1,250.00, Fleming Lawn Care - \$335.00, Illuminating Company - \$106.45, Ashtabula City - \$2,250.00, Treasurer, State of Ohio - \$120.00, TAC Computers - \$100.00, Star Beacon - \$246.74, Classic Ford of Madison - \$1,041.78, Andover Bank - \$6,397.52. The motion passed with all in favor.

VISITOR'S COMMENTS: John Lindeman added that if he had a chance to work and earn some money rather than attend as an underpaid official he would miss the meeting and take advantage of the employment opportunity. Shannon Mucci agreed with Doris Karger that open burning has gotten out of control. Rome Fire Chief/Councilman Ed Koziol urged everyone to call and report the open burning to our Police department so they can respond to it. Duane Helms added since the Village employees didn't even receive a cost of living increase, he is not in favor of the elected officials increase.

A motion was made by Marlene Hocevar, seconded by Roy Brommer, to adjourn the Regular session of Council and enter into Executive session to discuss Police personnel. The motion passed with all in favor. A motion was made by Bob Cook, seconded by Roy Brommer, to adjourn the Executive Session. The motion passed with all in favor.

ADJOURNMENT: A motion was made by Roy Brommer, seconded by Bob Cook, to adjourn the Regular Session of Council. The motion passed with all in favor. Mayor Ball adjourned the meeting at 8:45 PM.

MAYOR	CLERK-TREASURER

SEAL